

TOPIC 1. Military Information from the Znojmo Area and from Prvstat 25X12. Ordnance Depot near Slavcin-MladoticeEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 3 July 1952REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

Military Information from the Area of Znojmo and from Prvstat.

1. Prior to the fall of 1951, an artillery unit was quartered in the Louka Barracks which is situated in the southern sector of Znojmo (O 49/S 06) and consists of about five large buildings surrounded by a 2-meter high wall. Fourteen trucks towing small caliber artillery pieces were repeatedly seen leaving the installation. (1)
2. The Zizkov Barracks on the south side of the road to Kucharovice (O 49/S 16) quartered an unidentified unit which was equipped with some bazookas. A military cantonment occupied by troops was situated on ul. Prasska on the northwestern perimeter of the town. (2)
3. The monastery of the Dominicans on ul. Dolni ceska in the center of the town had been dissolved in the summer of 1951, and the building was occupied by a military unit. Several armored scout cars of the Tudor type and trucks of the Tatra-11 type were usually parked in front of the building.
- 25X1 4. Driving through the border area in the fall of 1951, the castle in Jaroslavice (O 49/S 25) was occupied by a border guard unit of about 400 men. Another PS unit was quartered in dwellings of the village of Jecmeniste (O 49/S 15).
5. Prior to December 1951, several old concrete bunkers in the area of Znojmo Hrusovany were being reconditioned. (4)
6. In December 1951, a barracks installation with numerous dovecots in the yard was observed west of Prvstat (O 50/O 79) on the road to Orlova (O 50/O 69).

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7. In the fall of 1951, a construction enterprise in Znojmo established five large buildings in Frystat. They were occupied by about 400 troops detached for work in the coal pits of Karvinna (Q 50/O 69). Another building housed more than 100 officers and NCOs.

Ordnance Depot near Slavcin-Mladotice.

8. Prior to 21 October 1951, a large ordnance and equipment depot was situated in the woods 2 km northeast of Slavcin-Mladotice (P 50/O 30). The individual buildings were in a valley on either side of a concrete road about 9 meters wide. [ ] 11 concrete bunkers built into the hill which were divided into small rooms by partitions. Some of the bunkers were more than 150 meters long and 4 meters high. A ramp for the reloading of cargo from trucks onto lorries was in front of each entrance to the bunkers. The total number of buildings was not known [ ] Five large, solid brick buildings which had been completed in 1951 served as quarters for the personnel. The entire installation was surrounded by two parallel barbed-wire fences about 4 meters high. There was a 50-meter gap between them. 25X1
9. The depot was guarded by a unit which, until the beginning of 1951, was subordinate to the 27th Mtz Inf Regt in Uherske Hradiste (P 50/T 09). [ ] It was commanded by a lieutenant colonel. The strength of the unit was about 500 men in August 1951. Guard duty was performed by several double sentries covering the entire depot area and single sentries equipped with submachine guns guarding the individual buildings. 25X1
10. The depot was stocked with light and heavy infantry weapons, rocket launchers, AA machine guns and gas masks. Five truck loads of asbestos coveralls provided with a ring at the collar to fasten a helmet arrived in August 1951. The helmets were similar to diver's helmets and had four openings. Another item was a 16-cornered filter with a diameter of about 12 cm; it was about 25 cm high. The commanding officer of the guard unit stated that this equipment was to serve as protection against radioactive rays.
11. Part of the incoming shipments of weapons and equipment came by rail from the depot in Uherske Brod (P 50/T 29) which was in the former Marschner chocolate factory about 600 meters east of the railroad station, just south of the railroad line. This depot was supplied by the Zbrojovka armament plant in Uherske Brod.
12. [ ] since September 1950, a similar, but larger, depot was under construction in the woods northeast of Nevsova (P 50/O 30). (5)
13. [ ] a military training course with a heavy artillery regiment in Bzenec (P 49/S 98). The target range of the post was in the area of Bluk (P 49/T 18). (6) 25X1
14. In the spring of 1951, a cavalry regiment of about 500 men was stationed in Hodonin (P 49/S 87). In 1948, the regiment was referred to as the 6th Cavalry Regt. (7)
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- [ ] Comments.
- (1) The Louka Barracks is probably identical with the Stefanik Barracks previously reported. [ ] components of the 6th Army Regt, one battalion of which is carried in Znojmo.

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- (2) The units may belong to the 24th Inf Regt carried in Znojmo. According to other reports, a bazooka unit exists in the T/O of a Czech infantry battalion.
- (3) Presumably the headquarters or brigade units of the PS brigade in Znojmo; Tudor armored scout cars have also been observed with other PS units. [redacted] 25X1
- (4) On the basis of various other reports, it is believed that all old fortifications along the Austro-Czech border are being reconditioned. [redacted]
- (5) Interesting is the concentration of large depots in western Slovakia. Supply Depot No 7 is located in Nemsova; Supply Depot No 12 is located in Skala, 4 km northwest of Trencin, and two extensive depots with large buildings - possibly an engineer depot and a signal equipment depot are located in Novo Mesto. Additional large underground depots were also established in other areas of Czechoslovakia, for instance in Jistebnice near Tabor in the summer and fall of 1950. Compare [redacted]
- (6) The 53d Itz Arty Regt of the 3d Mecz Div is carried in Kromeriz. [redacted] 25X1
- (7) According to old records, the 3d Cavalry Bn of the cavalry brigade in Pardubice was located in Hodonin. As detailed reports on the 7th Mecz Regt in Hodonin of the fall of 1951 fail to mention a cavalry unit there, it is doubted that a heavy cavalry unit should be quartered in Hodonin.
- (8) No troops have hitherto been known to be stationed in Kyjov. The unit presumably belongs to the 3d Mecz Div in Kromeriz.

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